Research @ Your UCO Library

UCO Max Chambers Library offers a wide array of research tools and services through its website, instruction program, course reserves and by working directly with a professional librarian.

Central Search

Central Search is a great starting point for research. Central Search simultaneously searches most library databases and the library’s book and media collections, and it retrieves full text when available. Online tutorials are available on the library website, and you can still search databases individually if you wish. The majority of our research tools are available on or off-campus through the library website, but a select few must be accessed from within the UCO Library. Faculty may also request an appointment with a reference librarian or their department’s designated Library Liaison for a one-on-one introduction to our resources in their discipline. This is a service we recommend for new faculty, especially.

Facility Research

http://library.ucol.edu

Your UCO Library

A Faculty Quick Guide

Ask Us!

http://library.ucol.edu/ask/

This page connects you to our professional staff, by telephone, email, and chat in real time. Need help now? Contact us on our ASK US! page whenever the Library is open.

Services Available online

The Library Services and Faculty Services links direct you to our many different services, like:

- Interlibrary Loan
- Materials Ordering
- Copy Services
- Electronic Reserves
- Library Instruction Scheduling
- Check your Library Account
- Report a Technical Problem
- Information Literacy Tutorials & Quizzes

For more information contact:
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or visit the Friends at library.ucol.edu/giving

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Helping Students Learn

Library Instruction

The Library Instruction Program offers basic and advanced classes in a 45 station hands-on learning environment. Our goal is to familiarize students with the resources and services of the library, and teach the information literacy skills necessary to find, filter, and use information appropriately. Classes are most often scheduled for a single session. However, some find that two class sessions result in better retention and or more skill acquisition.

For best results, we recommend students receive their library research assignments and choose their research topics prior to their instruction session. Students are generally more engaged when they arrive with their information needs in hand.

Instruction sessions may be scheduled through the Library Instruction link on the library’s website or by contacting Jean Longo, jlongo1@uco.edu or 974-2874. If you are involved with CeCE and teaching classes online, contact our eLearning Librarian Deborah Thompson, dthompson@uco.edu or 974-2880, to discuss a custom library tutorial for your distance students.

Online Instruction

The Library offers several alternative methods for incorporating information literacy and library research in your curriculum. If your schedule precludes an in-person Library Instruction Session, the library hosts a 30 question Information Literacy Quiz, which can also be incorporated into D2L. Other services available under the same link include: Creating Effective Library Assignments Tip Sheet, popular library handouts, and class specific guides/blogs/videos.

Course Reserve

Another tool for students and faculty is Library Reserve. Faculty members may place heavily used materials on reserve, either electronically or in print. Online materials can be accessed 24/7 through the library catalog. Print Reserve materials are located at Circulation and will circulate from 2 hours to up to 7-days. Please allow 3 days for items to be placed on Reserve.

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The UCO Max Chambers Library is committed to one-on-one service on and off campus. We offer a wide array of research tools and services through our website.

Access to electronic resources is seamless on-campus; off-campus access for Faculty and Staff requires your network user ID and password. Off-campus access for students requires their UCONNECT user ID and password.

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30am to 2am, Friday from 7:30am to 6pm, Saturday from 10am to 6pm and Sunday from 12pm to 2am.

Assignment Tip Sheet

Help in Making Library Assignments

- Assume minimal library searching skills
- Provide clear instructions about accessing databases or materials.
- Include explanations of unfamiliar terms, such as “Scholarly journal”.
- Tie all library research exercises to class projects to increase retention.
- Avoid making assignments requiring many different research tools or databases.
- Assign students the library’s Information Literacy Quiz and/or schedule a library instruction session tailored to the assignment.

Make assignments painless

- Clarify which tools or databases student must use, giving the resource’s name, access directions, and any other information necessary. Call the reference desk for assistance or suggestions at 974-2878.
- Distinguish between public websites and sources in the library’s online databases (i.e. Academic Search Complete, not the web)
- Do not limit sources by format (i.e. print only).
- Review topics with your students to avoid a topic too broad or too narrow.

And Finally...

- Check to see that the library owns the material students must consult.
- Make sure required materials haven’t changed format.
- Put individual materials that all students must use on Reserve.